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## **Sen. McManus to sponsor blood drive in Cadillac Sept. 14**

**LANSING** – Cadillac-area residents looking for another way to contribute to hurricane relief can give the gift of life at a blood drive Sept. 14 at the Wexford County Civic Center, announced Sen. Michelle McManus, sponsor of the event.

“Donating blood is one more way residents can help in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Even if you cannot afford to donate money or supplies, you still can make a very important contribution by donating blood,” said McManus, R-Lake Leelanau. “Donations of blood are always needed, both here at home and across the country.”

### **Blood drive information:**

Noon to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 14

Wexford County Civic Center

1320 N. Mitchell St.

Cadillac

McManus said the local Red Cross office had not yet been contacted for blood resources, but that call could come at any time. Even if that call doesn't come, blood will still be in demand, so it is important to have a healthy supply of blood donations on-hand. Blood cannot be manufactured; it can only come from generous donors.

You may donate blood if you are at least 17 years of age, weigh 110 pounds or more and are in general good health. Individuals can typically donate whole blood every six weeks.

If not for the ready availability of blood components, life-saving medical treatments, such as the treatment of serious injuries, organ transplants, bone marrow transplants, complicated surgical procedures and cancer treatment, would not be possible. It is estimated that 5 million recipients are transfused with blood components, including red blood cells, platelets and plasma, in the U.S. annually.

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